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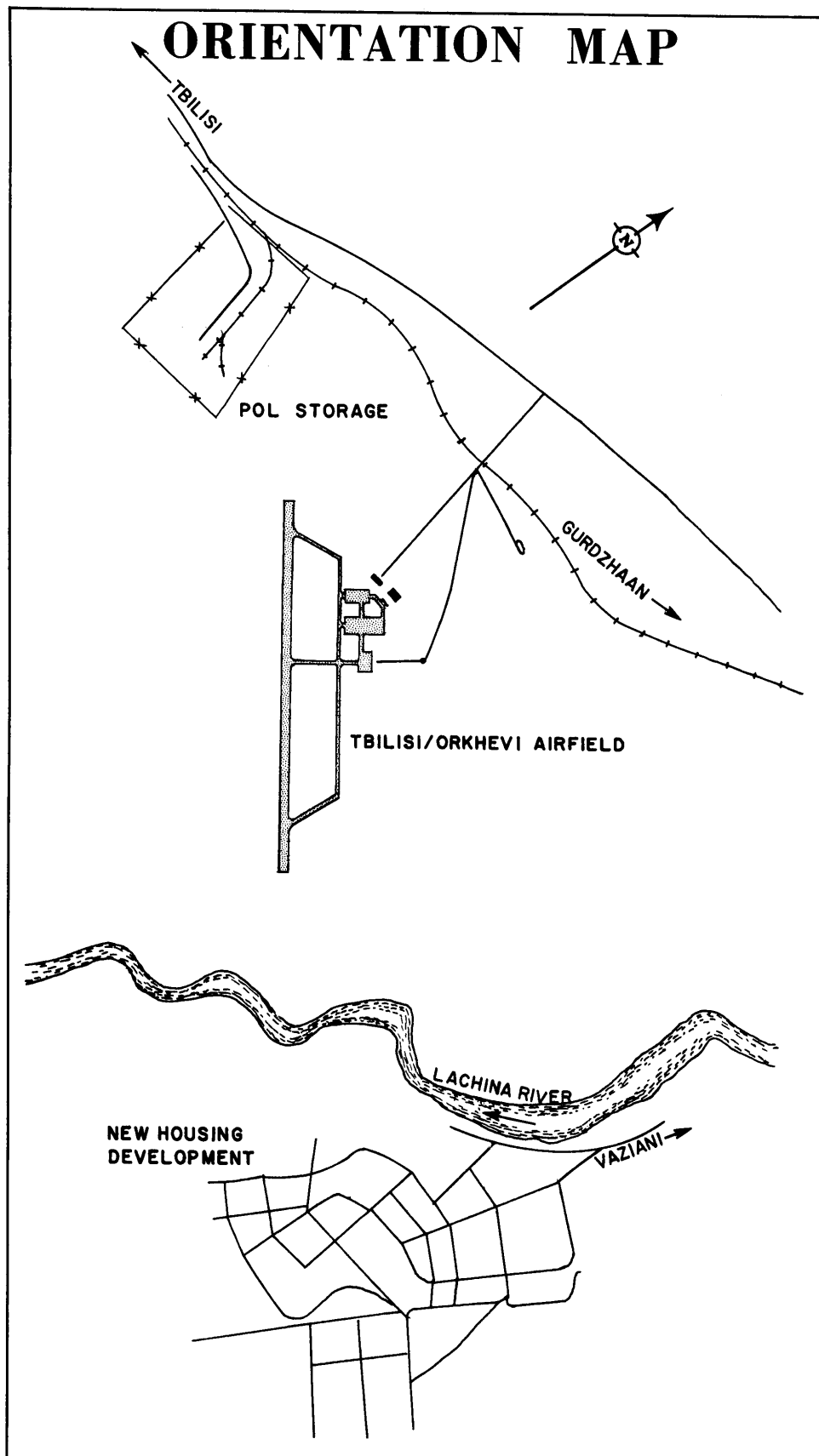
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The Airfield


Tbilisi/Orkhevi Airfield (see orientation map), located five miles east of Tbilisi on the south side of the Tbilisi-Telavi railroad, is the main civil airfield for the Tbilisi area. A concrete runway oriented north-west-southeast measures approximately 8,200 by 200 feet, with limited extensibility of approximately 1,000 feet in both directions. A concrete taxiway parallels the runway, and is connected to the runway by three link taxiways. Three large parking aprons are located northeast of the taxiway.

The following aircraft have been observed on this field at various times during 1957 and 1958: TU-104 (CAMEL), IL-14 (CRATE), IL-12 (COACH), LI-2 (CAB), AN-2 (COLT), YAK-12 (CREEK), PO-2 (MULE), M-2 (HARE), MI-4 (HOUND).

Facilities at Tbilisi/Orkhevi Airfield are represented on the line drawing and identified in the following list of annotations.

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1. Possible antenna farm.
2. POL storage consisting of two large and two small underground storage tanks.
3. Storage area.
4. Probable POL storage with approximately 30 cylindrical storage tanks in a horizontal position.
5. Storage area.
6. Main highways.
7. Probable pipelines.
8. Secondary roads.
9. Single-track railroad.
10. "Token" radar.
11. Supply and repair-type buildings.
12. Barracks-type structures.
13. Five support vans for "Token" radar.
14. Excavations
15. Athletic field.
16. Probable cable scars.
17. Probable walled transformer substation with cooling pond.
18. POL storage with two fuel trucks parked in the walled area.
19. Two fenced administration-type buildings.

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20. Headquarters-type building.
 21. Probable motor pool.
 22. Large hangar.
 23. Parking aprons under construction.
 24. Excavation and probable building under construction.
 25. Probable motor pool.
 26. Parking apron under construction.
 27. Possible administration building.
 28. Terminal building with control tower.
 29. New terminal building under construction.
 30. Probable small shops
 31. Compass-aligning base.
 32. "Fishnet" radar atop control tower.
 33. Taxiway under construction to new parking apron.
 34. Graded area.
 35. Ground control approach system.
 36. Two vans with one VHF discone antenna.
 37. Trenches.
 38. ILS facility at northwest end of runway. (For ILS beacon off southeast end of runway see line drawing of new housing development.)
 39. Runway lights.



POL Storage Area

A large POL storage area (see line drawing) is located four miles east of Tbilisi and approximately 4,000 feet west of Orkhevi Airfield. This area is surrounded by a double fence with guard towers and is served by a rail spur and an improved road. Facilities include 11 large and two small underground storage tanks, numerous groups of revetted cylindrical storage tanks in a horizontal position, several hundred drums, and thirteen possible gable-roofed warehouses.

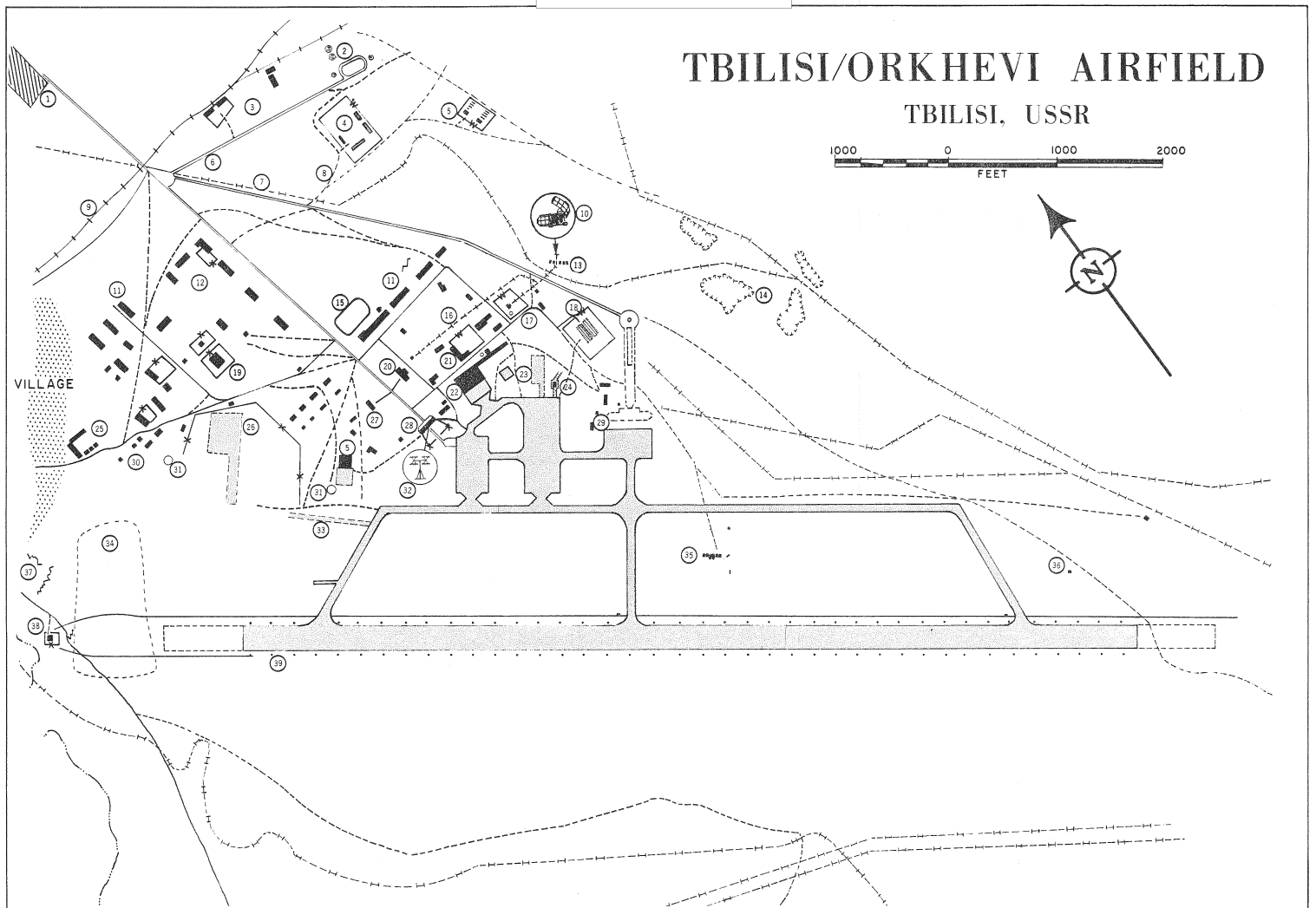
Probable light industries are located nearby on the north side of the Tbilisi-Telavi railroad. These light industries, which may be associated with the POL storage area, are divided into two separate areas, each surrounded by a wall and served by road and railroad. Large amounts of open storage are evident.

A possible housing area is located 800 feet north of the POL storage facility. It contains approximately 25 hip-roofed two-story buildings.

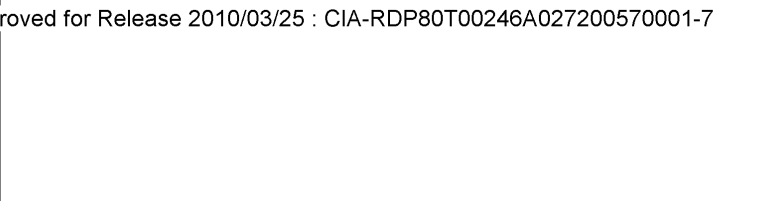
Facilities in the vicinity of the POL storage area are represented on the line drawing and identified in the following list of annotations.




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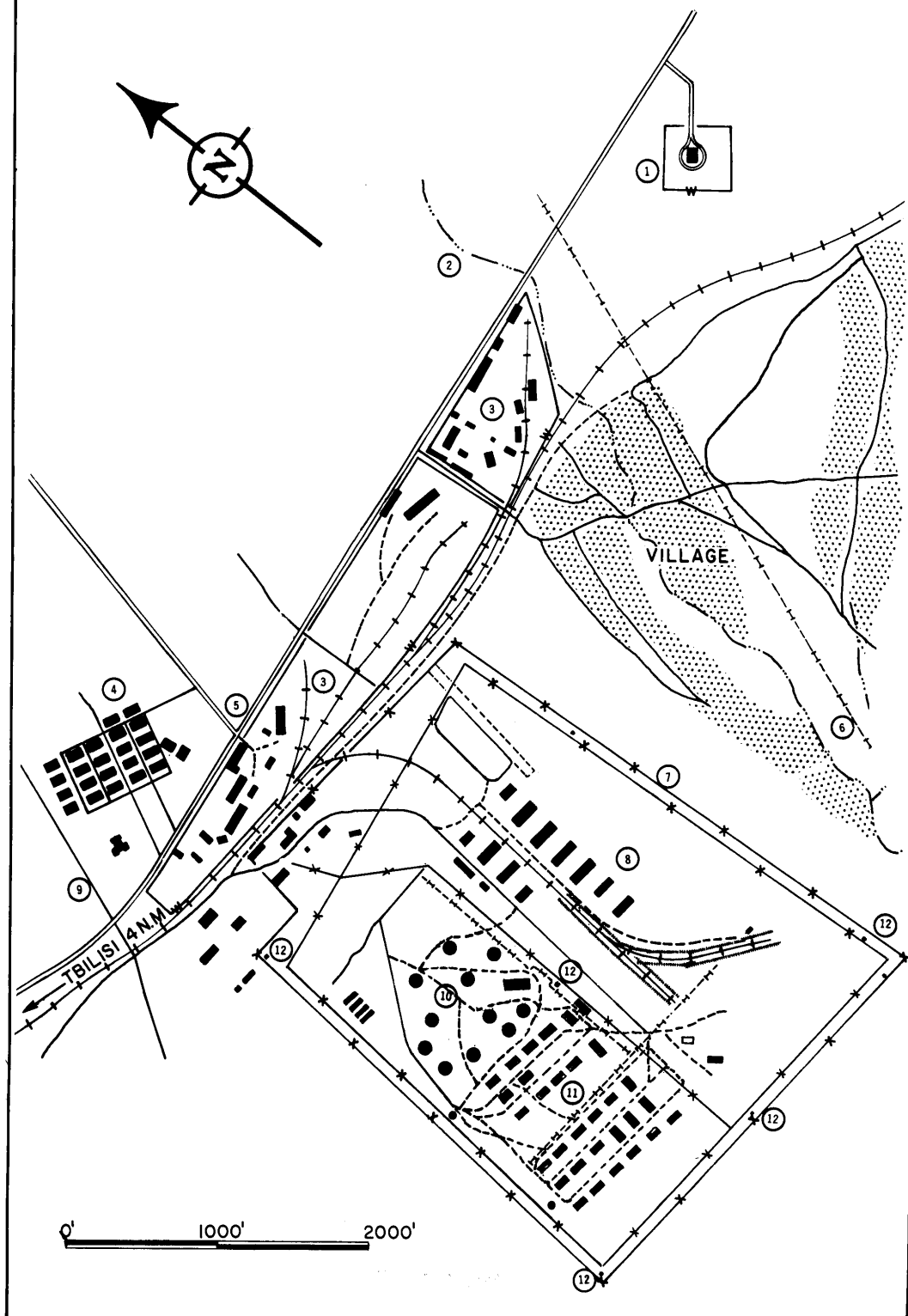
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1. Possible walled storage facility.
 2. Intermittent stream.
 3. Probable light industries.
 4. Possible housing area with approximately 25 hip-roofed two-story buildings.
 5. Main highways.
 6. Probable pipeline.
 7. Double fence.
 8. Possible gable-roofed warehouses.
 9. Secondary roads.
 10. Eleven large and two small underground POL storage tanks.
 11. Reverted cylindrical storage tanks in a horizontal position, chiefly in groups of five.
 12. Guard towers.

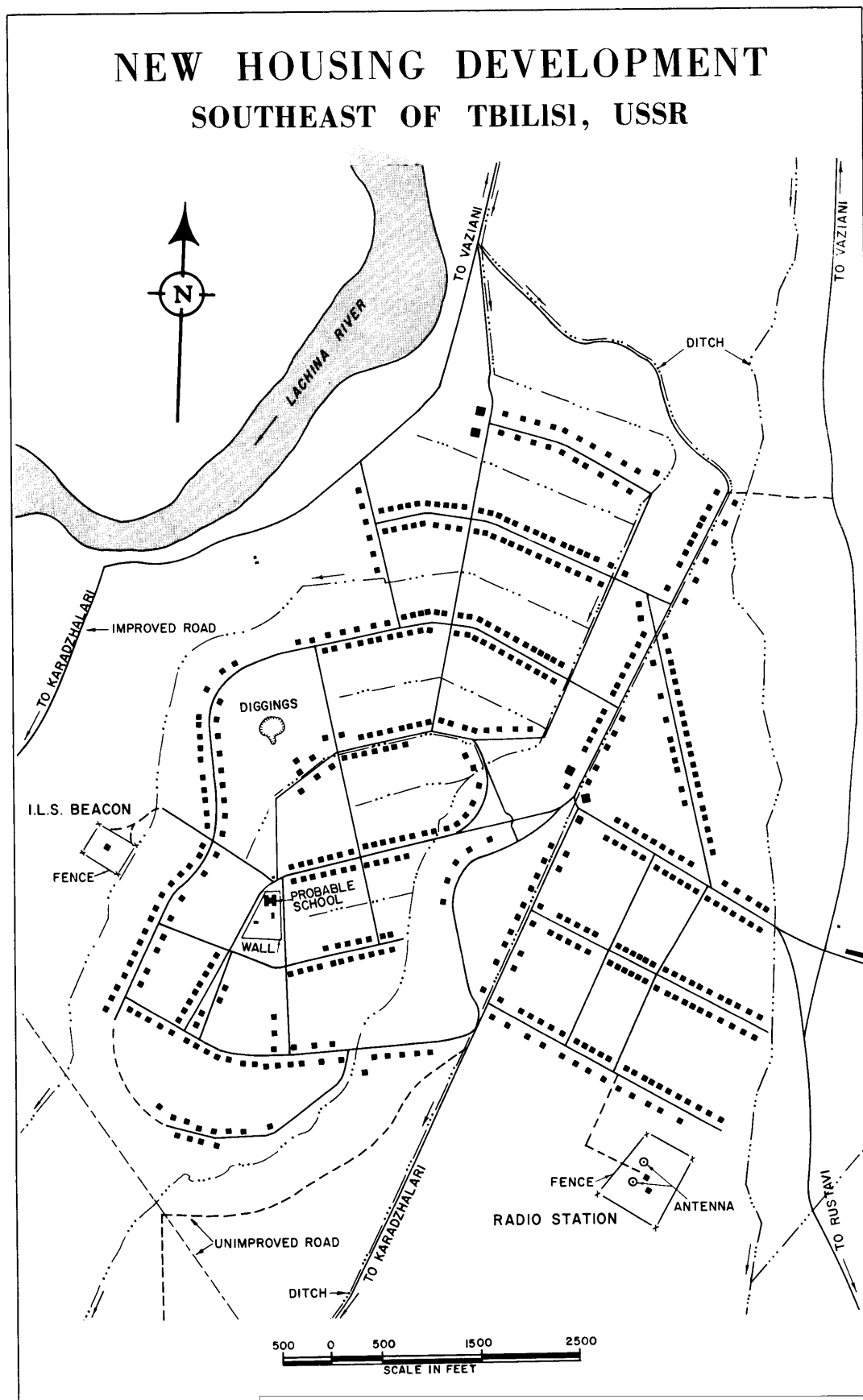
New Housing Development

A new housing development (see line drawing) is located nine miles southeast of Tbilisi on the east bank of the Lachina River. This new housing development consists of approximately 500 one-story hip-roofed dwellings. Each house has a large tract of land in the rear, used possibly for subsistence crops. A two-story institutional-type building situated within a walled area is probably the community school. A radio station located in the southeast quadrant of the development has two stick-type antennas and two buildings within a fenced area . The roads in the area appear to have had the minimum of improvement to permit vehicular travel, and in adverse weather movement is probably difficult. Numerous drainage ditches are evident in the area.

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